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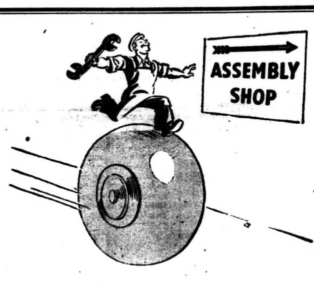

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IN FEAR OF HER LIFE

STRUGGLE IN BEDROOM

HUSBAND FINED FOR ASSAULT

A woman who stated that she went about in fear of her life, summoned her husband for assault at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Leslie Prior Simons, of Chilton-lane, was summoned for having assaulted his wife, Mrs. Alice Georgina Simons, on 27th March.

Mr. E. C. Allfree appeared on behalf of Mrs. Simons and the husband was represented by Mr. G. H. Edwards.

Opening the case, Mr. Allfree said the assault was an extremely serious one. The husband should be thankful that his son went to the rescue of his mother or he might have been charged with murder. He was not quite sure why he had not been charged with attempted murder.

On the night of 27th March defendant entered his wife's bedroom, said Mr. Allfree, and seized his wife by the throat. She was able to get one hand to her throat and this hand was bruised by the pressure which the husband intended should be applied to her throat. Mrs. Simons was able to make a noise and her son, who was serving in the Navy but was home on leave, rushed upstairs to her rescue. The son managed to put his arm round his father's neck, the other round the bedpost, and with this leverage forced his father away from his mother. The son then told his mother to go downstairs and stayed with his father until he was quiet.

The Spring Gave Way.

Mrs. Simons, who said she was now living at another address with her sister, told the magistrates that about midnight on 27th March she got up because she heard gunfire. Her husband rushed into the room. She asked him to let her pass but he clutched her by the throat and forced her back on the bed. The spring on the bed gave way and she fell with it to the ground. Her son then rushed up, forced her husband's head back, and after a struggle she got away. The following day she went to see Dr. Dunlop because of the bruising to her hand.

In reply to Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Simons said her husband was almost stone deaf but she had done all she could to help him.

Mr. Edwards: I put it to you that you resented your husband going into your bedroom?

Witness: Yes, in view of the terms under which we were living.

Is it not true to say that you rushed at your husband and started to assault him?—No, certainly not. I was bending down to put my shoes on and had no chance to do anything.

You have heard the statement of your solicitor that your husband is lucky not to be charged with attempted murder. Did you have any bruises on your neck?—No, because I had the fur collar of my coat up.

Mrs. Simons agreed that on her instructions her solicitors wrote to her husband asking him to agree to a deed of separation and if he did not do so that proceedings would be taken before the magistrates for a separation and maintenance order.

Mr. Edwards: What it means is that you want a separation and maintenance order?—Yes. I am going in fear of my life.

You have been married before?—Yes. Your first marriage ended unhappily I believe?—Yes.

Dr. W. J. Dunlop said that on 28th March Mrs. Simons came to see him. Her right hand was slightly swollen and was bruised. She said it was caused during a struggle with her husband.

A/B Thomas Hardwicke Simons, the son, corroborated his mother's evidence and said when he reached the bedroom from the kitchen, where he was having supper, his father had both his hands round his mother's throat. After he had released his mother and his father had ceased struggling, his father said "Get to hell out of here." He did not think it would be safe for his mother to remain with his father.

Only a Minute.

In evidence, defendant said he was awakened about midnight by something unusual and looking along the passage saw a light in his wife's bedroom, and also a light coming from the kitchen. He went to his wife's bedroom to make enquiries and she immediately began to push him out. He resented this and in the slight struggle which followed the spring mattress, the clips of which were defective, fell to the floor. The noise caused his son to rush into the room, and he grabbed witness by the neck. He had to use considerable force to make his son release him but he overpowered him and he understood him to say he was finished. The whole affair lasted only a minute.

In reply to Mr. Allfree, defendant denied that he ever had his hands round his wife's throat.

Mr. Edward Lewis, manager of the Ramsgate and District Electric Supply Co., said defendant had been employed by the company and associated companies for 40 years, and had spent over 20 years at Ramsgate. For 14 years defendant had worked under witness's personal supervision and he had found him a steady, industrious and loyal worker. Some years ago he underwent an operation and now he was almost completely deaf. The company felt they had had the best years of the man's life and they intended to give him every assistance for the remaining few years until he went on pension.

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SERGEANT KILLED

BOMB PRACTICE TRAGEDY

One of several men injured, L/Cpl. Thomas William Gray, whose home is at Coronation-road, Ramsgate, gave evidence at the inquest at Margate on Saturday on Sgt. George Arthur Campbell, an instructor in weapons, aged 35, who was killed by the explosion of two hand grenades.

Sgt. Campbell, whose wife lives at Enfield, Middlesex, was examining two grenades used for practice which had failed to explode upon being thrown when they exploded in quick succession, blowing off both his hands, and he died two days later in Margate Hospital.

An officer stated that while taking a squad of men for a short route march on the previous Wednesday he discussed with deceased, who was the sergeant in charge, the use of a particular type of hand grenade for training but gave no instructions that the men were to have practice with the grenade.

As weapon instructor, said witness, Sgt. Campbell, who took great interest in his work, had access to the store. Had witness known the men were going to practice with the grenade he would have been present.

In reply to the Coroner, Mr. J. H. Robinson, witness said it was possible, following the conversation, that deceased formed the impression he was to give the men bomb-throwing instruction.

Exploded in His Hands.

L/Cpl. Thomas William Gray, one of the injured men, said he was with a party of eight under Sgt. Campbell and several of them had thrown a grenade which exploded before two failed to explode. The sergeant instructed two men, Ptes. Phillips and LeMare, to pick them up, and they gave them to him.

Witness suggested that it was dangerous to pick the grenades up after they had been thrown but Sgt. Campbell did not say anything. He was holding them in his hands, examining them, when they exploded one after the other. Witness was one of several men injured.

Cpl. Arthur Bailey, another member of the party, who was hit by a small piece of bomb under the eyes, also gave evidence.

Dr. H. W. Parrott, who saw deceased on his admission to hospital, said his injuries necessitated an immediate operation. Considering the severity of the injuries his condition the next morning was quite good but later he became worse from secondary shock arising from internal abdominal injuries and he died on Friday morning. The cause of death was shock arising from multiple injuries.

Officer's Theory.

Giving technical evidence, an officer who is an expert on bombs, said Sgt. Campbell was a qualified instructor and was justified in having bombs which had not exploded picked up. It was possible the sergeant might have knocked the grenades together in his hands.

The Coroner, without coming to any definite conclusion as to what actually caused the bombs to explode, said he was prepared to accept the officer's explanation.

Recording a verdict of death by misadventure, the Coroner added "I cannot help thinking that for practice purposes these bombs should not be treated too lightly. The deceased appears to have been an excellent soldier and to have known all about these bombs. I should not think he could have acted contrary to the instructions he received for dealing with them. I don't see, therefore, that any blame is attached to Sgt. Campbell for anything he did."

BROADSTAIRS COUNCIL ATTENDANCES

Of the ten effective members of Broadstairs Council six put in over 90 per cent. attendance at meetings last year.

Attendance figures given at the annual meeting of the Council on Monday were:

Councillor H. Bing, possible attendance 103, actual 37, percentage 35·92; Councillor F. Foster, 135—103—76·29; Councillor S. W. Fright, 102—95—93·14; Councillor B. Humphrey, 150—143—95·33; Councillor G. W. Lane, 156—143—91·67; Councillor F. J. Malpress, 60—46—76·67; Councillor E. K. Minter, 89—46—51·68; Councillor H. Noble, 161—151—93·79; Councillor B. J. Pearson, 150—138—92; Councillor O. Robinson, 46—45—97·73.

AN OFFICIAL CAR

After receiving from the Surveyor, Mr. S. W. Richardson, a statement of the consumption of petrol and fuel oil for the month ended 31st March, Broadstairs Council in committee instructed him "to investigate the suggestions now put forward with a view to reducing the consumption of petrol in the case of his official car and the Morris lorry used by the Rescue Party Service."

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"I feel that unless he gets some help he is heading straight for a serious breakdown, with all its terrible consequences," said Mr. Lewis.

Not So Serious.

Announcing that defendant would be fined £1 and would have to pay £2 2s. costs, the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) observed "We feel an assault was committed although not so serious a one as was at first outlined to us."

SIXTH TIME CHAIRMAN

COUNCILLOR PEARSON'S METEORIC CAREER

Although he has been a member of Broadstairs Council for the comparatively short period of 13 years, Councillor B. J. Pearson was elected to the office of Chairman for the sixth time at the annual meeting on Monday.

Councillor Pearson was Chairman of the Council from 1933 to 1936 and has again served continuously in office since 1940.

In addition to his work in Broadstairs, Councillor Pearson has undertaken much work outside the town. He is a member of the Cinque Ports bench of magistrates and also a member of the Kent County Council.

Moving the re-election of Councillor Pearson as Chairman at Monday's meeting, Councillor G. W. Lane said he had no diffidence in again putting forward Councillor Pearson's name for they all knew how well he had carried out his duties.

After referring to Councillor Pearson's "meteoric" career on the Council, Councillor Lane said he was an excellent chairman. He was impartial in his dealings and had carried out particularly valuable work as chairman of the Finance Committee. From a financial point of view the past had not been an easy year and many problems arose which had to be settled on the spot. He and the members of the Finance Committee had been most sympathetic towards people who had fallen on hard times and who had difficulty in meeting their rate and other obligations.

Seconding the proposition, Councillor E. K. Minter said Councillor Foster, Councillor Bing and he were the only remaining members of the Council present when Councillor Pearson first joined them 13 years previously. He had occupied almost every position the Council could offer and he had gained the confidence of every member.

It was with great satisfaction that they heard that Councillor Pearson's eldest son, who had been serving in Singapore, had got safely away, and they hoped that before long there would be a happy family reunion.

Returning thanks, Councillor Pearson said he felt the honour particularly keenly for he was now entering on his sixth year as Chairman of the Council. He had endeavoured always to do his best in the interests of the town and the Council. Up to the outbreak of war chairmanship of the Council was more pleasurable than it was to-day. Ex-chairmen who were present would agree with him that although in those days the work perhaps was greater it was more pleasant to be able to build up than it was now to carry on in a town, the normal activities of which had been brought to a close owing to the war.

Played Their Part.

He thought it could be said, continued Councillor Pearson, that Broadstairs and St. Peter's had played its part to the full in the great national effort which was being made. During the past 12 months they had had a War Weapons Week and a Warship Week and although they were an evacuation area the sum of £140,000 had been invested through these two efforts to assist in the war. In this respect he wished to pay tribute for the support he had received from the Council, from his committee, and particularly from Mr. Ward, the Deputy Clerk, without whose ability the efforts could not have been so successful. He wished also to thank the Surveyor, Mr. S. W. Richardson, for the wonderful salvage work for which he had been responsible.

Reference had been made to their financial position. As they knew, their finances were now in the hands of the Government. How long that would remain so no one could tell. When one looked round Broadstairs and similarly placed towns he could not help feeling that when the war came to an end there would be grounds for more direct assistance to such towns in order that they could face the times of peace. It was difficult to see ahead but when peace came he was sure the Council would be ready so that Broadstairs and St. Peter's could quickly regain its old position as a residential and holiday resort. A good deal might happen before the time came but he was sure he could rely on the Council to support him no matter what might come.

Councillor Pearson said he recalled having expressed the hope a year ago that when the year had ended they would be seeing better times. That had not come about. During the year their difficulties had increased. But he thought they saw signs on the horizon that they were getting nearer to the goal of victory. If the war had not come to an end by the time another year had elapsed he hoped the end would be so near that they would be planning for the days of peace.

Mentioning particularly the Clerk (Mr. E. F. Owen), Mr. Richardson, Mr. Gifford and Mr. Ward, the Chairman said only members of the Council knew the work their officials had been called on to undertake. The whole of the staff had worked magnificently.

Gratuitous Advice.

Moving a vote of appreciation to Councillor and Mrs. Pearson for their services during the year, Councillor Lane said Councillor Pearson spent a large part of his time giving gratuitous advice to people who sought it. He did it with a good heart and they were fortunate in Broadstairs in having a man of his capabilities. For two years he had served on the Kent County Council and it was an honour to Broadstairs that during the past year Councillor Pearson had been elected chairman of the Kent Boroughs and Urban District Councils Association. The town was also indebted to him for the action he took which was instrumental in the postponement in certain cases of hardship of premiums under the War Damage Act. Councillor Pearson's mind always moved quickly and people throughout Kent were beginning to realise what a valuable man Broadstairs had in Councillor Pearson.

Councillor Lane paid a tribute to Mrs. Pearson for her work as organiser of the W.V.S. A year ago the organisation consisted of a handful of members and it now numbered almost 200. Whenever a job of work wanted doing members of the W.V.S. were there and particularly was their work appreciated in connection with the British Restaurant.

Seconding the proposition, Councillor B. Humphrey said it was with some diffidence that they attended certain functions but if Councillor Pearson was presiding he always felt perfectly at ease. He always felt that Councillor Pearson would say the right thing. It was a tremendous asset to a Council chairman. He had seen Councillor Pearson on the platform with other distinguished people and he was proud to think that their town was represented by a man who could express in a few words what was necessary and all that was necessary.

Associating himself with the tribute to Mrs. Pearson, Councillor Humphrey said it was her charm and personality that had made the W.V.S. what it was.

Further tributes to Councillor and Mrs. Pearson were paid by Councillors H. Bing, Minter and O. Robinson.

Councillor Pearson said that so far as he was concerned he had regarded his work as a duty which he was pleased to perform. The W.V.S., which had been formed just over a year, had met with considerable success, and he was sure Mrs. Pearson would like him to thank the 195 women of Broadstairs and St. Peter's who had enabled her to make it so successful.

On the proposition of Councillor S. W. Fight, seconded by Councillor Robinson, Councillor H. Noble was re-elected vice-chairman.

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MYSTERY EXPLOSION

CAUSES OFFICER'S DEATH

The tragic manner in which an Army weapon training officer met his death while alone in his room was described at an inquest held by Ramsgate Borough Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) on Monday.

The officer was Lt. Clare Richard Bowles, aged 22.

Lt. Bowles was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bowles, of Sunningdale, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

A brother officer said that on the afternoon of 17th April he went into Lt. Bowles' office but he was not there. There were two mines on the table. One witness recognised as an anti-tank mine and the other he did not recognise. In the letter basket were two detonators.

Lt. Bowles was weapon training officer to the battalion and had gained a distinguished certificate at a small arms school, a distinction very rarely awarded. On the day of the accident Lt. Bowles was due to give a lecture. He was of a very cheerful disposition and witness had no reason to believe that he had any desire to take his own life.

Pte. Frederick George Cowdrey, of the regimental police, said that shortly before five o'clock on Friday he was in the guard-room when he heard the sound of an explosion. He thought a service gun had been fired in a confined space. Some time later he had occasion to go to Lt. Bowles' office but when he knocked on the door he received no reply. Opening the door he saw a body in khaki lying on the floor. He at first thought the body was that of a private but on making a closer examination found it was that of Mr. Bowles. The room was in disorder and was covered in black dust.

A Lot of Blast.

Sgt. Frederick Philip Empringham, weapon training sergeant, said when he entered the room following the accident he found two mines lying on the table. In the letter basket was one detonaor. The room gave the appearance of having been the scene of an explosion and quite a lot of blast. He examined the room thoroughly but was unable to find any evidence as to the cause of the accident.

An expert in firearms and explosives, Sgt. Arthur Richard Head said he examined the room the following day and came to the conclusion an explosion had taken place. He was shown two mines and a fuse, which he was told were taken from the room. He was also shown a piece of metal which had been recovered from Lt. Bowles' body. In his opinion it was a piece of casing from an anti-tank fuse. In a small room the charge from such a fuse would be considerable.

An Army medical officer said the chief wounds were to the chest and abdomen. The skull was injured to a lesser degree. The left hand was missing and the right hand injured. An explosion was the only thing which could have caused such injuries. The injuries suggested that Lt. Bowles was holding a detonator close to his body in his left hand, and bending over it. Death was instantaneous.

D/C Reid, of Ramsgate Borough Police Force, who visited the room following the accident, said a wooden chair, badly splintered and broken, was lying partly under Lt. Bowles' head. The front of the table was splintered, and the position of the body suggested that Lt. Bowles was sitting at the table when the explosion took place.

Returning a verdict that Lt. Bowles was accidentally killed, the Coroner said he could not come to any conclusion and no one would ever know what caused the explosion.

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BELINDA GETS THE NEWS

She's a good girl is Belinda; but like most good girls, difficult in her tantrums. A little jaded perhaps, tired of the sand and heat and having had her full share of the excitements of the day, she squatted on a Middle East aerodrome, an old short-nosed Belheim. Self-conscious, too, in the company of the sleek Marylands, the tubby Wellingtons, her big, long-nosed sister Blenheims, massive Fortresses, twin-tailed Liberators, and the swift Hurricanes and Kittyhawks that swept by.

It seemed that Belinda had had her day. "Not much use now, this old crate," remarked the leading aircraftman fitter to his comrades. "Why don't they write her off?"

But Belinda lived to fly again. Further indignities had first to be endured and photographic experts who arrived on the scene cut holes in her stubby nose and in the gunner's turret. Curious, overalled airmen paused to have a look at this unusual activity.

Then came the great moment. Belinda was handed over to the Public Relations Unit of the Royal Air Force in the Middle East. Her new job is getting press photographs and films from the air. Halfaya Pass was her first adventure, and, except for one tantrum when the undercarriage refused to come down and she finished up ignominiously on one wing and a bent air prop., Belinda is still in action—and making news.

The National Committee on Cycling suggest that local authorities should turn bombed sites cleared by demolition squads into parking places for bicycles.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

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Making his first trip across the Atlantic as a member of the Merchant Service, McDonald's ship was torpedoed and sunk by a U-boat. The captain, the chief engineer and eight of the crew were not seen again but McDonald and a number of other men escaped in one of the ship's boats and were later picked up by a corvette. Twelve of the 22 men in another boat died of exposure.

McDonald has now obtained a transfer to the Royal Navy but he will go to the Mansion House on 7th May to receive his certificate from the Lord Mayor at the annual meeting of the British Sailors' Society.

WAR PROBLEMS SOLVED

AT 3,000 INTERVIEWS

At the annual meeting of the Margate Council of Social Service and Citizens' Advice Bureau, it was reported that during the past year the secretary, Mrs. A. Deane, had given over 3,000 interviews.

Explaining that the object of the organisation was to answer war problems, Mrs. Deane said the 3,007 interviews she had conducted during the year concerned clothing, domestic life, pensions, food and employment among other war-time problems. Their aim was to assist people and to go on assisting them until their difficulty was solved.

The Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare, who presided, and the chairman of the Council, the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, both congratulated Mrs. Deane on her magnificent work.

The administration account presented by Col. C. S. F. Witts showed receipts amounting to £249 3s. 9d., which included £106 12s. 3d. in subscriptions. The expenditure was £130 11s. 1d., leaving a credit balance of £118 12s. 8d. compared with £129 10s. 8d. the previous year.

Miss E. M. F. Cobb was elected president for the 14th successive year.

The R.S.P.C.A. appeals for microscopes needed by Russian veterinary surgeons for the treatment of diseased war horses.

POLICE BREAK IN

MORE LIGHTS AT BROADSTAIRS

Fines of £1 were imposed on each of two defendants summoned at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday, for permitting lights to show after black-out at Broadstairs.

In each case a police officer had to break into the premises to extinguish the lights.

William George Heath, now living at Sutton, Surrey, was summoned for permitting a light to show at his home in King Edward-avenue on 12th March.

P/C Turner said the light was shining through the lavatory window on the second floor and he had to break in to extinguish it.

P/C Bowyer, of the Metropolitan Police, who interviewed defendant at Sutton, said Heath said to him "I am sorry. I left in a hurry and forgot to switch off."

In addition to the fine, defendant was ordered to pay 18s. 8d. police expenses.

William Thomas Purvey, of Broadstairs Garage, The Broadway, pleaded guilty to a similar offence.

P/C Taylor said he found a light shining from the office window at 1 a.m. on 29th March. As there was no one on the premises he broke in and found an electric heater alight. Later in the day he saw defendant, who explained that the heater was used on and off all day and he forgot to extinguish it.

E FLIGHT

MINSTER YOUTHS JOIN A.T.C.

Twenty-seven youths were enrolled when a flight of the Thanet Air Training Squadron was inaugurated at Minster on Friday.

Following a physical training display given in the Parish Hall by the Margate cadets under Mr. L. Pinder, the Mayor of Margate, Alderman G. P. Hoare, who is chairman of the Squadron Committee, explained that the A.T.C. prepared cadets for the R.A.F. and gave them useful training in such subjects as mathematics, navigation, morse and wireless telegraphy. They were fortunate in having in Minster Flg. Off. R. H. Cooke, who was already an officer in the corps.

Emphasising the tremendous importance of the R.A.F., the Mayor said it was obvious in this district during the past few weeks that the Air Force was growing in strength.

Flt. Lt. R. Spratling, officer commanding the squadron, said the Minster section would be known as E Flight.

Major W. Howard, of the Home Guard, thanked tht Mayor for inaugurating the local flight, and while the young recruits were being enrolled music for dancing was played by the A.T.C. band, with Flg. Off. F. A. Burgess as M.C.

The rally was supported by the Chairman, Councillor G. M. Norton, and members of the Parish Council, together with several officers and members of the A.T.C. Committee from Ramsgate.

During March 47 more clubs were formed for keeping pigs on kitchen scraps, making a total of 2,405 so far registered with the Small Pig Keepers' Council.

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URGENTLY required, men to serve as Cooks, Counter Assistants, General and Kitchen Assistants and Storemen in Army and Air Force Canteens in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Hants; good wages with free board and lodging (or if not available, a cash allowance in lieu of board and lodging); applicants must be under 60 years; interviews can be arranged in all principal towns in these counties.—Apply to N.A.A.F.I. (Dept. 8), 55 West-street, Reigate, Surrey. †14

URGENTLY required, women to serve as Restaurant Manageresses on work which is classified as being of national importance and is a reserved occupation, no previous experience necessary, to serve in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Hants; good wages with free board and lodging, also free uniform (with the exception of shoes and stockings); applicants must be under 60 years; interviews can be arranged in all principal towns in these counties.—Apply, stating whether Mrs. or Miss, to N.A.A.F.I. (Dept. 8), 55 West-street, Reigate, Surrey. †14

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO WOMEN WORKERS

None of the advertisements below relates to a woman between 20 and 30 unless such a woman (a) has living with her a child of hers under the age of 14, or (b) is registered under the Blind Persons Acts, or (c) has a Ministry of Labour permit to allow her to obtain employment by individual effort.

N.B.—This does not apply to Teachers at recognised schools, members of the Nursing Profession, or to Agricultural Workers.

COOK-GENERAL wanted for Torquay, 2 in family, help given, good wages.—Apply, mornings between 9 and 10.30, at Uphill, Willson's-road, Ramsgate. †10

SITUATIONS available in greyhound racing kennels (London tracks); wages £2 per week; living accommodation found; holidays with pay; Youths 16-18 years, experienced in hound or stable work, preferred.—Write, Box 150, c/o Pool's Advertising Service, Brettenham House, Strand, London, W.C.2.

ROUNDSMAN or Roundswoman wanted.—Apply, Pages Dairies, Victoria-road, Ramsgate. †13

RESPONSIBLE Draper required as first man in household and fancy linens, soft furnishings and piece goods departments, capable of control of staff under principal.—Apply, George Hatton Ltd., Biggin-street, Dover, by letter in first instance. †13

REMOVALS & STORAGE

HARDINGS Removal Service for removals to all parts by modern motor van; loads and part-loads required every day to and from London area; furniture warehoused for any period; estimates free; compare our charges with those of others.—Send postcard or call, Hardings, Removers and Storers. Staffordshire - street, Turner-street, Ramsgate. 'Phone 200.

FOR SALE

GOLD Albert and Locket, 2 Silver Watches (gent's); perfect; accept £6 10s. 0d.—Jack Turner, The Market, Ramsgate. 14

CREOSOTE or Tar, 40 gallons 46/8 delivered; free barrels; Land Pipes all sizes.—Frank Coopers, Builders' Merchants, Canterbury. 72

WANTED TO PURCHASE

SHED wanted, suitable for cycles.—Keldene, Roman-road, Ramsgate.

LADY'S Cycle wanted, good condition.—White, 4 Ellington-road, Ramsgate. †14

MISCELLANEOUS

RUBBER Stamps, Stencils, Inks and Pads.—Hall, Engraver, 84 High-street, Ramsgate. 14

GAS!

WEEPING WOMEN AT RAMSGATE

The gas alert was sounded in Ramsgate for the first time on Tuesday.

Wardens and police officers raced through the streets swinging their wooden rattles. People hurriedly took their respirators from their cases and put them on. Those who were caught unprepared rushed into shops to escape from the gas.

It was the first of a series of tear gas tests being held in Ramsgate.

The gas was released in King-street at various places between Broad-street and the Plains of Waterloo.

There was excellent co-operation between the Civil Defence, the police and the military authorities and as soon as the first generator began belching forth clouds of gas, wardens were sounding the unusual alert. In addition to the main street they went into the side streets so that people in their homes should shut doors and windows.

Police officers stopped all vehicles entering the area and warned the drivers. Most of them put on their gas masks and went straight ahead. Those who had forgotten them turned back.

There was a large number of shoppers in the street when the alert was sounded but within a few seconds the thoroughfare was almost deserted.

Most people had heeded the warning and were carrying their respirators but there were a few casualties—mostly women shoppers.

People wearing their respirators felt no ill effects whatsoever, but those caught unprepared wept copiously. Most of these people fell to the temptation of rubbing their eyes, which made things ten times worse.

Two Further Tests.

There was less wind on Friday, when two further tests were carried out.

In the middle of the morning, when High-street was full of shoppers, the rattles sounded. One police officer got thoroughly warmed up by tearing up and down the street on his cycle, wearing his respirator, and swinging a gas rattle at the same time.

Within a few seconds of the alert being sounded the street was almost deserted. Most people rushed into shops, in several cases taking a good deal of gas with them.

In one cafe were two Army officers, neither of whom had their respirators. At an adjoining table was a woman with a baby. When gas began to drift into the cafe one of the officers soaked a handkerchief in water and placed it over the baby's face—the best protection available under the circumstances.

Most shoppers had their respirators with them but police officers and wardens had to assist children to adjust their respirators. A little home gas mask practise would soon enable them to do it themselves, or at least enable parents to do it for them.

Handbells sounded the all clear after about ten minutes, and people began flocking out of the shops. Many of them had streaming eyes, and gas was still hanging about in small quantities in places.

Half an hour later rattles again sounded the warning, and this time it was a test proper. Tear gas streamed from containers in High-street, King-street, Queen-street and surrounding roads. Men and women in the municipal offices knew all about it and at least one officer at the police station had an uncomfortable few minutes before changing his abode.

When the gas was most intense a Corporation tumbril emerged from High-street, drawn by a horse. The horse seemed quite unaffected but the man leading it, who had omitted to carry his respirator, was coughing and tears were streaming down his face. He wisely got "up wind" at the earliest possible moment.

If you should be caught don't rub your eyes. It only adds to the irritation. The unpleasant—although quite harmless—effects soon pass off in the pure open air.

One result of the announcement of the tests was that many people called at the Wardens' Office for the repair or replacement of faulty respirators.

Further tests are being carried out, so carry your respirator always.

RUSSIAN WAR HORSE FLAG DAY

Sir,—May I, through your columns, convey the grateful thanks of the Branch Committee of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to those ladies and gentlemen who kindly collected and sold flags for the veterinary supplies for Russian war horses last Saturday?

We would especially like to thank the Mayor and Mayoress, also their staff, for their great help in organising it on our behalf.

M. A. C. THOMSON,
Hon. Branch Sec.

Kenfield Lodge,
Ramsgate.
15th April.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

THE WOMAN LAUGHS

By JOHN ANTHONY

The trapping of Larry Ricardo could only have happened in America, and may not even have happened there in the manner in which it is here recorded. The story, indeed, is one which is only current where crooks gather together, and, in such circles, may easily have gained or lost much in the telling.

The responsibility for the whole rather unsavoury affair must be Captain O'Beirne's, but, as one of the leaders of the Chicago police in the prohibition era, he was accustomed to responsibility—both inside and outside the narrow letter of the law.

The name Roshina is apparently Indian, as was the manner of dressing adopted by the woman of that name, but not even Roshina herself knew with any degree of certainty what her nationality was. Some little misunderstanding with the police had caused her to migrate from New York to Chicago, where, for some years, she had been allowed to practise, more or less undisturbed, her strange profession.

She was thirty-five or so at the time—tall, and rather imposing—with those dark eyes which, for want of a more accurate term, are sometimes referred to as mesmeric. She had a hundred little effective tricks, and some of the things she told her clients were either uncannily true or extraordinarily clever. Her charges varied. When one of the big men like Larry Ricardo consulted her, the financial side was always left to the client.

"What you will," she would say, in that weary tone of hers. "If I have helped you, I am happy."

And Larry, who was superstitious and impressionable, would pay more than he could have earned honestly in a week—particularly if he happened to have pulled off a satisfactory job.

But it was usually before a job that he consulted Roshina, and if the omens were not propitious—if the visions she saw in the yellowish crystal were not encouraging—the job would, as likely as not, be left alone.

Rumours of the strange relationship between Ricardo and the clairvoyante reached Captain O'Beirne through various avenues. In spite of the knowledge—or possibly because of it—Roshina was allowed to practise her dubious art without let or hindrance, for one day, the Captain was certain, she would be of very considerable service to those who were responsible for enforcing the law.

There was little love lost between the Captain and Larry Ricardo. O'Beirne made no secret of his intention to get Larry where he wanted him, but Ricardo was about as easy to catch as a greased eel.

Larry, particularly in his more exultant moments, was very funny about the police, and his humour was duly transmitted through the usual channels to O'Beirne. The Captain had a keener sense of wit than of humour and was not amused by Larry's wisecracks.

Then came the shooting of Pete Ferguson.

Pete, if truth be told, was no more desirable a character than Ricardo; they were indeed, in the same racket. But Pete was a prominent citizen even if his civic sense was defective.

No one had been arrested and the fact was not only noted but commented upon at considerable length in the Press.

O'Beirne knew who had shot Pete Ferguson, knew where he could lay his hands on the murderer, but not one witness of the crime—and there were several—would or dared give evidence against Larry Ricardo.

Larry was duly brought into the station but O'Beirne's examination was conducted in the presence of Monty Rosenberg, Larry's lawyer, and was therefore a little cramped. And it elicited nothing beyond the fact that Larry had an alibi not only hallmarked in every link but acid-proof.

The Captain's Plan.

At the end of it, Larry was quite affable: "Keep on trying, Cap," he said jauntily. "Don't get downhearted."

Alone in his office, Captain O'Beirne did some intensive thinking. Larry's flippancy had riled him.

That evening, Roshina was brought to his office. She was indignant at being invited but in the end, protesting and angry, she had come.

"Sit down, Mrs. Macey," O'Beirne said casually.

Her whole attitude altered and in silence she did as he had suggested.

"You haven't been called Mrs. Macey for quite a while?" he hazarded with a smile as he lit yet another cigar.

"No. What do you want?" she asked sullenly.

"All in good time, Mrs. Macey. As Mrs. Macey, I hear, you're wanted for one or two little matters in New York."

"If you say so," she said, and licked her dry lips.

"Exactly," he agreed. "But I'm never hard on a woman—if she's reasonable."

"What is it you want?" she said again.

"Just a chat with you. We've given you a break, Roshina, you admit that? I mean, we could have shut you up quite a while ago, if we'd wanted to."

She nodded.

"Now you're a business woman. All this cod about crystals and the stars doesn't cut any ice with me, of course, but I've heard you're good at the patter and all that."

She waited grimly, her dark eyes on his.

"We've given you a break," he said again. "And on certain conditions we are ready to go on giving you a break."

"I've got no money," she said with perhaps unnecessary rudeness.

"That's as may be, Roshina. But I'm not concerned with your money. You gotter help me. I want Ricardo."

"I see," she said, quietly.

"He shot Pete Ferguson—as you know."

"Why should I know?" she challenged.

"Doesn't everybody in Chicago know?"

She shrugged her shoulders: 'Ferguson was a rat, anyway," she said.

"May be. But he was shot. And I'll tell you exactly how he was shot."

She listened gravely as he reconstructed the crime: "There were two other men with Ricardo, in that doorway, but it was Ricardo who did the shooting. Three times he shot and then they turned and dived down that side street to where his car waited for them. Pete Ferguson was shot as he came down the steps to his car. It was just getting dark. Raining—the pavements were shiny—See?"

"Yes. But what is it all to do with me?"

"You're going to see it all again in that yellow crystal of yours," he said with his eyes relentlessly on hers. "The very next time Larry comes to your joint. When is he coming?" He shot the question at her.

"I——don't know——"

"You know all right," he said roughly. 'He's at your place most weeks. He never pulls a job without coming to see you first. When was he with you last?"

"Last Thursday evening."

"That's right. It was the day before he bumped Ferguson off. What did you tell him? What did you see in that yellow crystal."

She held his glance as she said: "I never see anything in the crystal."

"I know that," he snapped. "But what did you tell him?"

She shrugged her shoulders: "I don't remember. And I guess it doesn't matter."

"But it did to him. What you said made him go out and shoot Ferguson. You're as much responsible for the killing as he was." He jerked the words out but she still faced him unflinchingly.

"Now—when is he coming again?" he said in a quieter tone. "If you know what's good for you you'll come clean."

"You've got nothing against me since I've been in Chicago," she protested.

"We have—plenty. Now, are you with us or against us? Whichever you say!"

"What do you want me to do?" she asked in a dull tone.

"I want you to see the scene I described to you in the yellow crystal. I want you to describe it to Ricardo. And I want you to do it so that he'll be all het up. You gotter shudder with horror and so on. See?"

"But what good will it do?" she cried.

"We shall be there, too," said O'Beirne, calmly.

"It's a trap!"

"Sure it's a trap. If you do it well enough, he'll break down and spill the beans all over the place."

"And within twelve hours his gang will have settled with me!" she said.

"I'd thought of that. We'll take good care of you. Afterwards you can go back to New York."

"How do I know that?"

"Just my word. If you refuse—or fail, you'll go to New York in any case. But it won't be such a pleasant journey."

"It's odds on that I do fail, anyway. You know that."

"Not if you make it sound realistic. When's he coming?"

"To-night," she said in a hopeless tone.

"What time?"

"Nine o'clock."

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Confession.

The Captain grinned approvingly as he surveyed the room: "Might have been laid out specially for our little job," he remarked to two of his men.

The room was dimly lit. The low table in the middle was in the centre of a circle of light. The crystal—a yellowish ball of glass about as large as an orange—was on a square of black velvet and seemed to glint evilly in the light. Black curtains concealed the doors and the window. On one side of the table was a chair draped in purple slik; facing it was a low seat.

"There's room for all three of us in the window seat," one of the men said. "And the curtains come right down to the floor."

"D'you have to let him in when he comes?" O'Beirne asked, suspiciously.

"No," she said, still in the same sullen tone. "He comes up the stairs and knocks at the door."

"Now, no funny business or you're for it," O'Beirne warned her.

"Don't I know it!" she said, bitterly.

"Good for you. He should be here very soon," he went on to the other policemen. "Get behind the curtains and let's see if it's okay."

She sat in the purple chair and, bending forward, gazed into the crystal. Even O'Beirne had to admit that the effect was good. The lighting, her dark eyes, and the glinting crystal impressed him in spite of himself.

"What's in there?" he asked, pointing to the second door, but she continued to gaze into the yellow opacity and did not answer.

The sound of a door being closed came to them, and the three men silently slipped into the alcove behind the curtains. There was a knock at the door and a moment later Ricardo was in the room.

"Hallo, you," he said cheerfully, but she did not reply. He watched her for a moment in surprise before he sat on the low chair in front of her.

A silence seemed to settle on the room almost as if it were a physical thing. Peering between the curtains O'Beirne could see Roshina bending forward as if the crystal was drawing something out of her, and Ricardo watching her grimly.

"I can see blood," she said in a far deeper tone than her normal one. "Yes, blood," she went on, in a voice hardly more than a whisper.

"You are there. There are two other men with you. You are laughing but the men with you are scared. You are looking at a girl who goes by—a blonde in a green hat. One of the men has clutched your arm. There are steps leading down from a door. I see Pete Ferguson. You have a gun in your hand."

"Stop," Ricardo cried and stood upright.

"Ferguson has fallen. You have gone. All of you. There are other people there now. You shot him! Three times you shot at him."

"Stop!" he cried. "Stop, stop!"

Slowly she sat upright, and shivered: "Oh, it was horrible!" she said.

"Well—you know," he said. "But nobody else does, remember. I killed him all right—the double-crossing swine."

"Then put up your hands, Larry," O'Beirne said as he stepped into the room. Ricardo grabbed at his gun, but he was too late. A bullet smashed through his wrist.

"That was very silly of you, Ricardo," O'Beirne said.

"You know you can't do tricks like that with me. Get his gun," he went on to the man who had emerged. "Better get him to the hospital to have that wrist patched up."

"You—you——" a foul word burst from Ricardo as he turned to Roshina.

"It wasn't her fault, Ricardo," O'Beirne said. "We forced her to do it."

"But the boys'll get her."

"I don't think so. We'll have most of them rounded up in an hour or so. But you did it very well, Roshina. You acted perfectly."

She was still sitting huddled in the purple chair, watching the crystal as if it fascinated her.

"That's all right, Roshina," O'Beirne said with a smile. "Snap out of it! It's all over."

She appeared not to hear him.

"Come on, boys. We'll see her later."

"She's not acting!" snarled Ricardo. "Look at her!"

"That's all you know," said O'Beirne, with a grin.

"No. I wasn't acting—for once," she said in a voice they barely heard. "I saw it all there in the crystal. God help me, but I saw it."

Suddenly she leant forward so that her eyes were within an inch or so of the crystal. The yellow depths seemed to be moving.

"Look here, chief. I don't like this. Let's get out of it," one of the men said.

"Right. Come on."

But suddenly Roshina laughed and there was that in the quality of the laugh which held them silent. They looked at each other nervously and at the woman who was still leaning forward gazing into the yellowish crystal.

"What's bitten you?" O'Beirne demanded angrily.

She looked up at him and for a moment her dark eyes held his glance. Then her gaze fell to the crystal and once more they heard that grating, unpleasant laugh. And they knew that she was laughing at what she could see in the moving depths of the yellow crystal.

"Come on!" O'Beirne said hurriedly, and turned to the door.

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News travels rapidly in the underworld.

Two hours later O'Beirne and his colleagues came down the steps of the station together. A car was slowly passing and suddenly the horrid rattle of a machine-gun made the night hideous. The car dashed on, leaving three figures sprawled awkwardly on the steps. They were close together, forming a neat, compact scene in the yellowish electric light—just as Roshina had seen them in her crystal.

THE END

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

TEST FOR TEMPLARS

Local history was the topic discussed at a meeting of the Sunbeam Lodge of Good Templars, held at the Foresters' Hall, Ramsgate, on Wednesday.

Mr. W. H. Jacobsen said Ramsgate was a town one could be proud to belong to and many of its records were well worth while from an historical and other points of view. He believed that after the war, when town planning was completed, they would have a holiday resort worth talking about and visitors would be more numerous than ever before.

Dealing with Ramsgate street names, Mr. Jacobsen said the origin of Paradise was supposed to be because it was the favourite abode for retiring masters of fishing vessels, who looked forward to living in Paradise. Rose-hill was so named through a mariner bringing home from New South Wales roses which he found growing most luxuriantly, and planted them on what eventually became Rose-hill.

Mr. Jacobsen conducted a local knowledge test. No. 1 team consisting of Messrs. T. Wright, J. Ward, S. Hedges and C. Horne, Mrs. Isaacs, Mrs. Lowe, Miss P. Pottle and Mrs. A. Coleman, and No. 2 team of Mr. H. Hurst, Mr. John, Mrs. Jacobsen, Mrs. Hope, Miss Norma Hope, Mrs. Larkin, Mrs. Horne and Mrs. Drayson. No. 2 team gained 10½ points and No. 1 team 8½.

The intercession service was conducted by Mr. T. Wright, D.G.C.T.

THANET TEMPLAR CONVENTION

The monthly meeting of the Thanet Templar Convention was held by the invitation of the Star of the East Lodge in the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, when Mr. T. Wright, C.C.T., presided over a representative gathering of Thanet Templars from the Advance and Sunbeam Lodges, Ramsgate, Isle of Thanet Lodge, Margate, and Star of the East Lodge, Broadstairs.

A special welcome was extended to Mrs. Vass, Mrs. Hope and Pte. F. Brunger, who were paying a brief visit to Thanet, and greetings and good wishes were received from Mrs. Drayson, Mrs. Hearnden, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Overton, Mrs. Britton and Pte. R. Pointer.

A discussion on post-war plans was introduced by Miss Pottle, Sunbeam Lodge, Mr. T. E. McCabe, Star of the East Lodge, and Mr. Setterfield, Advance Lodge, and many interesting and novel viewpoints were expressed by members.

The usual intercession service on behalf of absent friends was conducted by the Convention chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W.

THIS WEEK'S

FOOD FACTS

Out-of-doors the buds are bursting and the birds are singing, but maybe you and the family don't feel so gay. Are you listless and a little out of sorts: Spring Fever is the trouble, but you'll get over it if you pay special attention to your diet for the next few weeks. Don't give your family heavy, starchy meals just now. Plan dishes of blood-cleansing vegetables, raw and cooked, containing Vitamin C, a valuable tonic. Here are some recipes you might like to greet the spring with:

POTATO AND WATERCRESS SOUP

Time: Preparation 10 mins. Cooking 30 mins. *Ingredients:* 1 lb. potatoes, 2 bunches watercress, 1 pint vegetable stock, 1 pint 'household' milk, pepper, salt, 1 teaspoonful margarine. *Quantity:* 4 helpings. *Method:* Wash and peel potatoes and chop in small pieces. Cook potatoes in stock till soft, mash against side of pan with wooden spoon, add margarine, milk mixture and seasoning. Reheat and just before serving add chopped watercress.

TURNIP TOP SALAD

Time: 15 mins. *Ingredients:* 4 oz. turnip tops, 4 oz. white cabbage heart, 2 oz. beetroot, 2 oz. carrot. Watercress for garnishing. Salad dressing. *Quantity:* 4 helpings. *Method:* Grate or shred all the vegetables separately and arrange attractively on a large dish. Sprinkle with salad dressing and decorate with watercress. Make the salad dressing by adding vinegar, a little mustard, pepper and salt to a white-sauce.

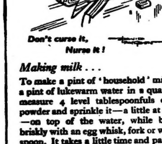
SCALLOPED VEGETABLES WITH BACON

Time: Preparation 10 mins. Cooking 30 mins. *Ingredients:* ½ cabbage, 3 or 4 carrots, 1 leek, 4 potatoes or any other vegetable, 2 tablespoonfuls national flour or 1 tablespoonful fine oatmeal, 2 or 3 slices of bacon, browned breadcrumbs. *Quantity:* 4 helpings. *Method:* Cook vegetables in a pint of water in a closely covered pan. Make thin white sauce with margarine, flour and vegetable water. Arrange vegetables in a fireproof dish, pour sauce over, lay bacon on top, sprinkle with breadcrumbs and crisp under grill.

Save Our Soap

Measure *soap flakes* and *soap powder* with a spoon. Don't pour it recklessly from the packet. Stack the dirty dishes on the draining board after each meal and only wash up once a day. This saves both *soap* and *fuel.*

It's a good plan to stick the last sliver of soap on to the new cake. Always keep the soap dry, stand it on a soap-mat or on a strainer. Wet the hands and then handle the soap. Never put the soap in the water. Don't hold the soap under a running tap. For washing very dirty hands mix two tablespoonfuls of soap jelly (made from ends of soap and boiling water), 2 tablespoonfuls finely powdered pumice and a small piece of whitening. Add three or four tablespoonfuls of water and boil. Use as necessary.



Don't curse it,
Nurse it!

Making milk . . .

To make a pint of 'household' milk put a pint of lukewarm water in a quart jug, measure 4 level tablespoonfuls of the powder and sprinkle it—a little at a time—on top of the water, while beating briskly with an egg whisk, fork or wooden spoon. It takes a little time and patience, but it is worth it. 'Household' milk mixture makes excellent white coffee and can be used in place of fresh milk in tea. Try it next time you are short and the uninvited guest drops in.

The Radio Doctor says

Health rule for April. It's a good idea to cook potatoes in their jackets. The skin stops the precious Vitamin C from escaping and getting lost in the cooking water. Steaming potatoes is best of all. And never cook them twice.

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, W.1 FOOD FACTS No. 91.

A THANK OFFERING

£100 GIFT TO RAMSGATE HOSPITAL

Ramsgate General Hospital acknowledges with warmest thanks and grateful appreciation an anonymous donation of £100 which came through Dr. W. J. Dunlop, a member of the honorary medical staff of the hospital.

The donor, writing under the nom-de-plume of "A Well Wisher," says in a letter addressed to Mr. John Brown, the secretary of the hospital:

"I make this gift as a thank offering for the friendship I have enjoyed—and still enjoy—of past and present members of the hospital staff."

MORE FROM RATES

PEOPLE RETURNING TO MARGATE

Although the amount collected in rates in Margate last year was only a third of the amount collected under normal conditions it showed an advance of over £5,000 on the previous year.

At a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare), who is chairman of the Finance Committee, said that rates received on ordinary properties up to 23rd March was £103,120, and in addition about £15,000 was received from requisitioned properties, making a total of £118,800. That was a very useful figure, and the total to the corresponding date the previous year was £113,500.

The Mayor said the improvement in the position was no doubt due to people having returned to the town.

CAPTURED BUFFS

Buffs reported in War Office casualty lists to be prisoners of war include:

Ptes. F. S. Andrews, N. Attersbury, H. H. Bryant, W. F. Burton, E. Cole, L/Cpl. J. E. Crouch, Pte. A. M. Duncan, L/Cpl. L. S. Ellis, Pte. A. F. E. Fuller, A/Cpl. A. H. Goldup, Ptes. E. Hartley, E. G. Holley, W. A. Jackman, E. King, L. F. Mansfield, F. Moat, W. A. Mungham, S. C. Nunn, P. J. O'Grady, H. J. W. Parker, S. Peacock, L. J. A. Pike, A. V. Pratt, E. H. Redwood, D. Roberts, F. Rudd, G. E. Self, E. A. Simmons, P. G. Smith, F. Stone, W. Sturnnham, C. G. Sutton, F. C. Taylor, L/Cpl. G. E. Treliving, Pte. C. H. G. Vidler, L/Cpl. C. A. Warman, Pte. J. White, R/S/M R. H. Wickham, Pte. A. Wills.

Pte. S. K. Atkins, L/Cpl. F. G. Barlow, Ptes. C. C. Burden, D. J. Cadogan, J. E. Cooper, W. C. Doughty, W.S/Cpl. H. W. Elliott, Ptes. S. A. Foot, A. E. Gates, L. Hampton, A. Hoare, Cpl. T. A. Johnson, Pte. G. H. T. Knight, Cpl. V. T. Miles, Ptes. C. H. Morley, S. H. Munn, G. A. Nichols, Sgt. J. C. O'Keefe, Ptes. E. A. Paton, T. C. Pellatt, F. M. Powter, P. J. Raine, Cpl. T. Sadler, L/Cpl. M. D. Sheppard, Ptes. E. G. Smith, R. M. Smith, A. J. Stringle, J. E. Sutch, E. H. F. Tanswell, F. L. Todd, A. J. Turner, Sgt. G. W. Wainwright, Ptes. H. G. West, R. W. White, L/Sgt. F. P. Williamson, Pte. A. G. Wood.

Ptes. R. W. Chapman, J. W. H. Darlington, G. F. Dent, G. Latham, E. J. Moody, L/Cpl. A. Reid, Pte. L. W. Timmermans.

A Kent Air Training Corps inter-squadron sports meeting is to be held at Maidstone on August Bank Holiday.

IF INVASION COMES

WHAT MINSTER WANTS TO KNOW

Minster wants to know what happens if invasion comes.

At the annual meeting of the Parish Council, held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday, it was decided, on the proposition of Councillor Father T. A. Keniry, to ask Eastry Rural District Council what procedure would be followed in the village in the event of enemy invasion.

Councillor G. M. Norton was re-elected Chairman of the Council and Councillor A. Webb was appointed Vice-Chairman.

BAG OF BEANS

TENTERDEN'S GIFT TO MARGATE

An unusual presentation was made following a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday.

On behalf of the allotment-holders of Tenterden, where he has lived since the early days of the war, Councillor S. W. Pearce presented to the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare), for distribution among Margate allotment-holders, a sack of bean seeds.

Councillor Pearce said the gift was made because of the shortage of seed, especially beans, this year.

The Mayor said the gift showed a very fine spirit on the part of their friends at Tenterden. Margate apparently had a very fine ambassador in Councillor Pearce.

"Perhaps Tenterden would like to adopt Margate, in the same way as Guildford has adopted Ramsgate," said Alderman Hoare.

MARGATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fullager, of Brockley-road, Margate, celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday.

Coming to Margate from Woodchurch as a farm labourer in 1888, Mr. Fullager married Miss E. Impett, of Littlebourne, four years later. Subsequently he became a carter in the employ of the Southern Railway and retired in 1933 after 33 years service.

From the time he left school until his retirement, Mr. Fullager did not lose a day's work. Both he and his wife enjoy good health.

Of their three sons, two served in the last war.

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POST-WAR HOUSING

HALIFAX PRESIDENT'S VIEWS

Sir Edward N. Whitley, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.L., who presided at the 89th annual general meeting of members of the Halifax Building Society, emphasised the part played by building societies in teaching the importance and value of regular saving.

"It is of course true," he said, "that what the nation most needs in the present crisis is the conscious, regular monthly or weekly saving out of income by every man and woman in the country, even at the cost of doing without many of the pleasant accessories of life. But what better teachers can be found for this than the building societies of Great Britain, of whom, I am proud to say, the Halifax is the leader."

The total amount invested by the society in British Government Securities on behalf of all their members jointly was £5,323,169 and in addition they have channelled into Defence Bonds, Savings Bonds, War Bonds and other Government securities £3,776,305 on behalf of individual members.

The president mentioned that the society's reserve funds and undivided profit now exceed six million pounds, and the liquid funds, represented by British Government securities and loans to local authorities repayable at fixed dates at par, together with the cash in the banks and in hand amount to £29,839,323, or more than one-quarter of the whole of the investing share and deposit funds.

The amount owing on mortgages has been reduced during the year to 94 million pounds as compared with 100 million pounds a year ago, and the average amount now owing on each mortgage is £390 as against £403.

We have been at all times ready, said Sir Edward, to make advances on suitable properties and we have actually advanced close on one and a half million pounds during the year. We hope that in the present year we shall have suitable applications for a much larger sum, not only because it is a more profitable way of using our funds, but also because that is the original purpose of the building society movement, and there is at present more activity in the buying and selling of property than there was a year ago.

Our borrowing members have once again shown their keen desire to honour their obligations and they are for the most part keeping up their payments wonderfully well in spite of the difficulties caused by the war.

Shortage of Houses.

On the question of post-war housing, the president said: It is perhaps rash to forecast the value at the end of the war of houses such as constitute many of our securities, but it does seem probable that they will all be worth more than when they were bought. At present fantastic prices are being asked and paid in some districts for houses with vacant possession, and it is clear that already there is a shortage of houses, and that shortage will grow each year even if we suffer no more large air raids, a thing on which it would not be wise to count. The problem of housing at the end of the war is one of the most important that faces the Ministry of Reconstruction, and we are glad to note that our general manager, Mr. D. W. Smith, has been placed on the Central Housing Advisory Committee presided over by the Minister of Health, his long service with our society making his advice specially valuable.

The problem will have to be looked at both from a short term view of the immediate need of houses and a long term view of the re-planning of many of our over-grown cities. The magnitude of the immediate need may be judged from the estimate which has been made that to complete the slum clearance schemes held up by the war, to overtake the deficiency in the normal number of new houses caused by the cessation of house building since 1939, and to replace the houses destroyed by enemy action will require a million new houses for each year that the war goes on, and I would remind you that in the 20 years from 1919 to 1939 not more than four million houses were built.

Of those four million houses one million were built by local authorities, about half a million by private people with State subsidies, and the rest, 2,500,000, were built by private enterprise without any public help. A large proportion of these last mentioned houses were financed through the building societies and it is obvious that in solving the problem of housing after the war, the building society movement will have to play a large part. I am happy to say that the Council of the Building Societies Association, under the chairmanship of Mr. D. W. Smith, is already preparing to fulfil this task. A committee of which Lord Sankey has consented to be chairman has been set up to consider building society policy in relation to the post-war period both in its broader aspects and in relation to its practice and procedure. I have been honoured with an invitation to become one of the members of this committee and I look forward with great pleasure to taking part in this important work.

LESS CRIME

MARGATE CHIEF CONSTABLE'S TRIBUTE TO PUBLIC

Although Margate's population increased slightly last year, there was a decrease in the amount of crime.

The annual report of the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer), presented at a meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday, showed that the number of cases reported to the police was 184, a decrease of 48 on the figure for 1940.

In respect of 114 of the crimes, 54 persons were proceeded against locally, while four men arrested and dealt with elsewhere were found guilty of crimes committed at Margate.

Of the 47 cases of housebreaking reported, 30 were detected. There were nine cases of breaking into shops, warehouses, etc., and 26 of entering premises with intent to commit a felony. Twenty-four of these cases were detected. Twenty thefts of pedal cycles were reported, but only six were detected.

Of the offenders, four were discharged or the cases withdrawn, 20 dealt with under the Probation of Offenders' Act, 21 fined, four sent to prison and five committed for trial. The value of the property alleged to have been stolen or fraudulently obtained was £870, and the value of that recovered was £248. In addition property valued at £25 was recovered in the borough for other police forces.

A Big Drop.

The number of persons proceeded against for non-indictable offences was 153, of whom 124 were males and 29 females—a decrease of 217 compared with 1940. With one exception all were found guilty. Under this heading were included 20 motoring offences, 48 offences under the Defence Regulations, 49 cases of displaying lights from premises during the black-out and 11 of cycling without lights. Letters of caution for various offences were sent to 240 persons.

The strength of the police force at the close of the year was 58 regulars (excluding three engaged on A.R.P. duties), eight first police reserves, 20 war reserves, and two women auxiliary police, a total of 91, compared with an authorised strength of 116. One member of the force was in the Army and eight in the R.A.F.

All regular members and most of the auxiliaries are qualified to render first aid to the injured, and all members are trained in anti-gas precautions.

The conduct of the force and police auxiliaries had, the report states, been very good indeed, and during enemy air action was most commendable. The Special Constabulary, now a uniform body, numbered 73 effectives at the close of the year and comprised three inspectors, seven sergeants and 63 constables. Regular duty was performed throughout the year with keenness and enthusiasm, and in enemy air attacks the members played their part in a commendable manner.

"I desire to pay tribute," stated the Chief Constable, "to the ready and willing assistance all ranks have cheerfully given to the regular force, and appreciate their loyalty and good work."

The Chief Constable concluded the report with the following tribute to the public. "I desire to record my appreciation of the excellent conduct of the public in these sometimes dangerous and difficult days, which has assisted to lighten the task of the police."

TOIL AND SWEAT

COATS OFF ON THE DAIRY FARM

For two years now we have been learning to make our dairy farms self-sufficient, finding out ways and means of doing without imported feeding stuffs.

There is still time for our dairy farmers to respond to the Minister of Agriculture's clear call for an all-out, coats-off, every gallon-counts effort. Milk has been given the high rank of first priority, and a great responsibility is frankly and squarely placed on the shoulders of our dairy farmers.

What of the means? Better hay there must be; more kale, more roots are essential; but of supreme importance is silage. 1942 must release shipping for great movements of armies, must relieve a depleted merchant service and an overworked navy, and silage has a great part to play in this. Its making creates no demands on ships, little on war material, and little on transport. It is hard to think of any substitute so suitable for achieving self-sufficiency on the ordinary farm.

But there is good silage—and silage that, at the present juncture, is little else than a tragic waste of time, labour and precious food. Just as good hay can be made only from good herbage, so can good silage come only from a nutritious crop. The method of making silage is all but foolproof once certain elementary points have been learnt. With present high costs, the farmer can no longer afford to do anything badly, and so the silage must be the best he can make.

There is no need for a large capital expenditure, although there are circumstances in which the light portable types of structural silos have advantages. If the soil is suitable for digging a pit, with due precautions this can become an ideal method of storage. If the silage process is looked on, not so much as a short-term activity to meet the present emergency, but, as it will probably be, a feature of our farming, then the value of the pit will become more apparent. Once it is dug it is there for good.

The situation and the need combine to make a great challenge to our dairy farmers. No miracle is demanded of them, but they will certainly be men of toil and sweat in the coming months.

POLITICS AND DRAMA

HERBERT MARSHALL AT KING'S

The dramatic features largely in the programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

To-day and to-morrow Herbert Marshall and Virginia Bruce are starred in "Female Correspondent," which gives an insight into American politics. It tells the story of U.S. Senator John Coleridge, who appoints Marty Driscoll, orphaned son of a late political baron, to the Senate page boys. He is a real East Side urchin and complications arise when he helps radio commentator Jane Scott to eavesdrop on a press interview from which she has been barred. Wall Street is severely hit when details of the defence bill leak out and Marty is placed on trial by a jury of his own peers—the Senate page boys. Also being screened is "The Perfect Crime," with Ralph Bellamy and Margaret Lindsay.

An amusing story of matrimonial entanglements, "Our Wife," starring Melvyn Douglas, Ruth Hussey and Ellen Drew, heads the bill for the latter part of the week. Aboard ship from California to New York, pretty, dignified Susan Drake watches Jerry Marvin, a band leader, being rescued after he had fallen overboard while drunk. Cause of the drunkenness it is whispered, is his divorce suit against a wife who had quit him once his bank balance had been depleted. When Susan and Jerry fall in love the estranged wife again appears on the scene and events lead up to an unusual climax. The supporting feature is "I Was a Prisoner on Devil's Island," featuring Sally Eilers and Donald Woods.

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METHODIST WEDDING

JUDD—PULLMAN

The wedding took place at St. Lawrence Methodist Church on Tuesday of Mr. Leslie William Judd (Hampshire Regiment), of Cowes, Isle of Wight, to Miss Muriel Ruth Pritchard Pullman, only child of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Pullman, of Jesmond Dene, 96, South Eastern-road, Ramsgate.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of cream spun silk and lace, with veil and orange blossom headdress. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Her bridesmaid, Miss Joyce King, wore a silk floral dress, trimmed with green velvet bows, silver shoes, silver leaves and headdress, and her bouquet was of mixed anemones.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. J. Bomford and Mr. Wilfred Harris was best man. Mr. Sidney Hunt presided at the organ and the hymns "O God of Love, to Thee we bow" and "Thou, God of truth and love" were sung.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the schoolroom, and a brief honeymoon is being spent at Faversham. The bride's travelling attire consisted of a grey coat, blue-grey dress and burgundy accessories.

Wedding gifts included those from St. Lawrence, Hardres-street and Faversham Methodist Churches.

BELLE STARR

SCREEN MASTERPIECE AT ODEON

Some outstanding films are being screened at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

"Belle Starr," showing to-day and to-morrow, ranks amongst the greatest technicolor spectacles ever produced. It tells the story of America's most colourful woman outlaw, the "Bandit Queen," vividly portrayed by a flaming new personality, the blue-eyed Gene Tierney. A girl who could terrorise the green plains of the South yet still look ravishingly beautiful and crash like a blazing meteorite into the heart of the dashing guerilla leader Sam Starr, played by Randolph Scott, is worthy of anyone's interest. In "Belle Starr" one sees inspiring panoramas showing the green and brown hues of the Ozark plains merging like a distant haze into the turquoise blue of the flaming Southern skies. Also being screened is "Moon Over Her Shoulder," with Lynn Bari and John Sutton.

The current demand for comedy is answered with "Married Bachelor," chief feature for the latter part of the week. It is a marital romance with an all-comedy cast headed by Robert Young, Ruth Hussey Felix Bressart and Lee Bowman. It tells the story of a get-rich-quick schemer who becomes a national idol by a fluke. After becoming a celebrated "ladies' man," he is finally forced to expose himself to save his own marriage. In his role as the fake bachelor and authority on marriage, Robert Young is given every opportunity to prove himself one of the screen's outstanding farceurs. The supporting feature will be "Marry the Boss's Daughter," with Brenda Joyce, Bruce Edwards and George Barbier.

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MARGATE'S LOSS

GAS EXPERT WHO BECAME J.P.

As briefly reported in our previous issue, the death occurred at Castle Hotel, Largs, Scotland, last week, of Mr. John McKay Campbell, J.P., for 31 years engineer and general manager of the Isle of Thanet Gas, Light and Coke Co., Margate.

A member of the Margate borough bench, Mr. Campbell was prominently associated with the Thanet Caledonian Society and many charitable organisations in the borough.

Seventy-one years of age, Mr. Campbell returned to his native home in 1940 in consequence of ill-health and a few months later retired from his position with the Thanet Gas, Light and Coke Co.

Mr. Campbell began his engineering training with a firm in Glasgow, where he was born, and later entered the gas industry with a firm of consulting engineers at Westminster. Before receiving his Margate appointment in September, 1909, he was assistant engineer at Luton.

During his years at Margate many improvements were made, including the change over from inclined to vertical retorts. In 1909 the gas consumption was 322 million cubic feet and it rose to the peak figure of 568 million cubic feet just before the outbreak of war.

Until a few years ago Margate's streets were lighted throughout by gas and Margate had the reputation of being one of the best lighted towns in the country.

Mr. Campbell won for himself a prominent place in the gas industry. He was a member of the Board of Examiners of the Gas Works Safety Rule Committee and of the Institution of Gas Engineers. He was one of the founders of the London and Southern Districts Junior Gas Association, which visited Margate in 1912, and was president of the Southern Association of Gas Engineers and Managers in 1922.

Margate owes a big debt to Mr. Campbell. In its early days he was a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce and became its president. He passed through the chair of Margate Rotary Club and since its inception 20 years ago was treasurer of the Christmas Hamper Fund. He was a past president and life trustee of the Philanthropic Institution and Dr. Peete's Charity.

Mr. Campbell served on the committee of management of the old Margate Cottage Hospital from 1923 and when the new hospital was opened in 1930 he became chairman of the House Committee, a position he filled for the next ten years. He was hon. treasurer of the appeal committee appointed to raise funds for building the new hospital and in 1931 was appointed hon. treasurer of the hospital.

Tribute From Bench.

At Margate police court on Wednesday the Chairman (the Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare) said the news of Mr. Campbell's death had been received with great regret, for he was one of the town's most highly esteemed magistrates.

The Mayor, recalling Mr. Campbell's services to the town, said he would remember him particularly as one of the finest workers in the Chamber of Commerce.

AID FOR MARGATE

A Government grant of £22,000 received by Margate Town Council for the month of March has brought the total received by the town to date to £178,000.

AMBULANCE PIONEER

DEATH OF MR. W. ENDERBY

One of the best known bowlers in Thanet, Mr. William Enderby, of 21 Hastings-avenue, Margate, passed away at the age of 72 at the home of his daughter at Kingston last week.

As a young man Mr. Enderby was employed at Margate railway station and later became a boarding house proprietor. Following the last war he began business as a house decorator, and continued the business until the beginning of this war.

Mr. Enderby had always taken a keen interest in first aid work and when in the railway service took part in many ambulance competitions as a member of the Ramsgate railway division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. He was a member of the team which won the railway championship for East Kent and which entered for all-England competitions.

Joining Margate Ambulance Corps towards the end of last century, he held the position of officer commanding from 1908 until 1915, when he went to France under the British Red Cross with an ambulance train. Subsequently he joined the R.A.M.C., being given the rank of sergeant, and he served at an officers' rest club at Boulogne until the end of the war.

Mr. Enderby was a prominent member of Margate Working Men's Club and represented Margate Bowling Club on many occasions.

The funeral took place at Kingston on Saturday.

A YEAR AGO

Several private houses were wrecked when bombs fell in a residential area of a south-east coast town. Among those killed was Mr. George B. Vanner, who was recently invalided out of the Army.

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Rector of Broadstairs for a quarter of a century, the Rev. L. L. Edwards passed away at Shawford, near Winchester.

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All male residents of Ramsgate and Broadstairs between the ages of 18 and 60 were required to register for compulsory fire-watching.

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A German raider, a Messerschmitt 109, was shot down by a Spitfire after a running fight over the south-east coast. The raider crashed on open land and the pilot, aged 29, was killed outright.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Since the beginning of the war over 30 smacks belonging to the Ramsgate fleet have been lost by mine, submarine or accident. One Ramsgate smack-owner has lost all four of his vessels, and we understand that, undaunted by his succession of casualties, he has taken steps to purchase some of the ships now lying idle in Ramsgate Harbour and as soon as opportunity offers he will have them refitted and put to sea. The smacksmen themselves are resolute in their determination to continue their calling, in spite of the somewhat hazardous nature of their work, and they talk of their experiences with submarines with the stoicism that characterises the men who have been aptly termed the "lifeboatmen of the North Sea." One fisherman lately returned from an expedition said he saw three of the fleet that was fishing with him go down. "I thought," he added, "it was time to haul in the trawl and get into port. But I made up my mind that I should continue to fish, and the next time I went out my ship had its turn and went down. I was eight hours at sea in an open boat. Now I am looking for another ship, and as soon as the owner can get one fitted out I shall be one of the crew."

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Heroes of Vimy Ridge, a large batch of wounded soldiers arrived in Thanet on Monday. The majority of the men were taken to Ramsgate and Margate V.A.D. Hospitals, a few being conveyed to Broadstairs, where all the available beds are occupied. In spite of their terrible experiences, the patients were in wonderfully good spirits.

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His many friends in Ramsgate and Broadstairs will be interested to learn that the Rev. Norman L. Lycett, Vicar of Sturry, is shortly proceeding to new duties as a Chaplain to the Forces.

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After nearly two years service on the Western Front, Sgt. Percy Bevan, King Edward's Horse, the popular Ramsgate sportsman, has been enjoying a short period of leave at home.

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Interesting promotions are notified in this week's orders of B Company, Kent Volunteer Regiment. Sgt. T. S. Cassingham, who has been for some time the presiding genius in the Orderly Room, steps upward to the rank of Quarter-master Sergeant, an office for which his training makes him peculiarly suitable. The posts of Platoon Sergeants are also filled. Sgt. T. W. Mockridge, one of the keenest spirits in the movement, goes to No. 5; Sgt. Lewis, another energetic worker, to No. 7; Sgt. F. E. Darby, who laboured unceasingly for the advantage of the Training Corps in its early days, is posted to No. 8; and L/Sgt. Page, formerly a non-commissioned officer in the Ramsgate Volunteer Artillery, is attached (with acting rank) to No. 6. Another appointment of interest to the Company is that of Pte. J. Packer, as Band Instructor.

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Another Ramsgate man just home on leave for a few days is P/C Dines, of Ramsgate Police Force. He went into the Army when Military Police were called for and has had a spell of duty at the Front.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

MR. GEORGE FRIEND

At the ripe old age of 80 years, Mr. George Friend passed away amidst the regret of a large circle of friends. The deceased was one of the oldest business men in Ramsgate, and it is only some 10 years since he finally retired from business. The firm of Friend and Vinten was formed as far back as 1838, and was carried on under that designation for close on half a century. In 1880, Mr. Friend retired from business, and five years later his partner followed his example. As a business man he bore an unimpeachable reputation, but he was of a quiet and unobstrusive character. Although he never took any prominent part in local affairs, he was a member of the Local Board prior to the Improvement Act of 1878, and also a member of the Burial Board up to the time of his death. The remains of our late townsman were interred in St. George's Churchyard on Thursday amid every manifestation of widespread regret.

OFF TO CANADA

Five boys, of ages ranging from 11 to 13, were brought before the magistrates at Ramsgate on Monday by Mr. Gerrard, Master of the Union, who stated that they had consented to go to Canada. The boys looked bright and healthy and the Chairman wished them prosperity in the country of their adoption.

RAMSGATE AND ST. LAWRENCE EXHIBITION

The Committee of the Ramsgate and St. Lawrence Exhibition, which will be opened on Whit Monday, have held many meetings and got through much work. Reports and enquiries about the working of the Exhibition have been received in large numbers from intending exhibitors, so that there is every possibility of a great success. A novelty had been introduced in the form of a musical competition, which appears to be making headway. Dr. Martin, organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, has accepted the position of judge, and with a gentleman of such high standing in the musical world a fair and impartial verdict may be assured. It had been proposed to enlarge the district open for the brass band competition to the whole of East Kent. The hon. secretary to the Exhibition is Mr. J. Roe.

ALDERMAN'S SON WEDS

NOBLE—TURNER

Son of Alderman W. R. Noble and the late Mrs. Noble, of Rosedene, Percy-avenue, Kingsgate, Paymaster Lt. Alan Noble, R.N.V.R., was married at Hawley-square Methodist Church, Margate, on 11th April, to Miss Lily Turner, daughter of Mrs. E. A. Turner and the late Mr. J. Turner, of Park-drive, Barrow-in-Furness.

Given away by Mr. S. A. Ovenden, the bride wore a simple dress of celestial blue marocain with burgundy accessories and carried a shower bouquet of white and wine carnations.

Her two bridesmaids, Miss Stella M. Noble (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Joan Fasham, wore pale blue dresses and carried posies of anemones.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. T. Sharpley, Superintendent Methodist Minister, and Paymaster Lt. F. E. Stanford was best man. Mr. F. Wake presided at the organ.

At a reception at Pritchard's Restaurant the toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Mayor of Margate (Alderman G. P. Hoare).

Following the reception the bride and bridegroom left for a honeymoon at Hawkhurst, the bride travelling in a silver grey camel coat with accessories to match.

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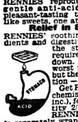

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Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. A. Smith, of Ambry Court, St. Nicholas, Mr. Patrick Wilson Smith, aged 25, was severely burned when an oil engine he was attending in a barn exploded and burst into flames last week.

When the engine exploded Mr. Smith was covered in oil. His hair caught light and he extinguished it by rubbing his head in chaff. His hands and face were severely burned and he was taken by car to Margate Hospital, where his condition to-day was stated to be satisfactory.

A 14-year-old boy, Tom Hollands, who was also in the barn, received slight burns on the hands and face.

The fire was extinguished by two land girls.

WOMEN'S CHAT

THAT GOOD LINING

Our grandparents believed that no one should go out for the day's tasks unless fortified by what they called a "good lining." That meant an extremely ample breakfast.

Most of us need that good lining more than ever nowadays because our war jobs are pretty arduous. There is no need for us to go unlined for there are many appetising and nourishing things we can have for breakfast. Time is valuable in the mornings and the great thing is to have breakfasts that can be prepared over night ready for making hot in a few minutes in the morning. Savoury puddings, cakes and spreads for toast can all be prepared the night before. If it is not convenient to make toast, a hot savoury on a really thick slice of bread spread with margarine is almost as nice.

Here are a few suggested recipes:

Savoury Potato Cakes.

1 breakfastcupful of cold oat porridge
1 breakfastcupful of mashed potato
2 rashers of bacon or 2 sausages
2 tablespoonsful of finely chopped parsley
salt and pepper

Lightly grill the bacon or sausage and chop or break into small pieces. Mix all the ingredients together, form into small cakes not more than an inch thick to allow them to get hot through quickly. Grill in a greased frying pan or bake in a greased baking tin. Enough for 4 people.

Creamed Smoked Cod on Toast.

Simmer 1 lb. of smoked cod for 15 minutes. Drain and flake it free from skin or bone. Mix 2 tablespoonsful of flour with 1 cupful of household milk, bring it to the boil and stir for 5 minutes, drop in a dessertspoonful of margarine, season with pepper (no salt) and add the flaked fish.

To reheat the mixture as required, put it in a basin and stand the basin in a saucepan of water kept just on the boil. When hot, serve on slices of toast. Enough for 4 or 5 people.

Savoury Pancakes.

Mix together 4 ozs. National flour, ½ pint of household milk, ½ teaspoonful of sweet herbs, ½ teacupful of finely minced corned beef or pork or cooked sausage meat and 1 teacupful of diced cooked carrot. Leave it standing all night.

Next morning, stir the batter thoroughly and beat in 1 teaspoonful of baking powder. Grease a frying pan with a well-larded paper, pour in enough mixture to cover the pan, cook until firm, roll up and serve.

If time presses, the whole of the mixture may be poured into the pan at the time, and when firm underneath, put beneath the grill for a few minutes to finish cooking and brown on top. Serve cut in equal portions instead of in separate rolled pancakes.

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YOUTH'S OWN CLUB

COMPANIONSHIP AT MARGATE

At premises in New Cross-street previously used as the Junior Instruction Centre, Margate Youth Club now has its own home.

The club is being run by a committee of members and all the facilities of the instruction centre, including woodwork room, metal workshop, gymnasium, domestic and cookery departments, are available. For indoor amusement there is a billiard table as well as other games, while outdoor sports are being arranged and a football team is already in existence.

The Bishop of Dover, the Rt. Rev. A. C. W. Rose, who performed the opening ceremony, congratulated Margate and the members of the club upon the magnificent premises provided.

Explaining that the club had been opened not primarily to give formal instruction, although classes would be held under the further education scheme, but to provide social and recreative facilities, the Bishop said education was not merely instruction. It was preparation for life and life did not consist of simply knowing. Life also consisted of being and doing and that was why no education was complete without a religious side to it.

Firing Squad for Racketeers.

"If everybody is on the make," said the Bishop, "if everybody is looking after number one, then the community goes rotten and collapses. That is the reason for the evil and wickedness of the black market. When you have, for example, a little gang of men at Liverpool getting together and stealing from their fellow members of the community 2,000 carcases imported to feed the population and selling them to put the money into their own pockets, you wonder whether it would not be a good thing if two or three were put against a wall and shot. Everyone who, in his measure, uses his country's needs to make profit for himself is committing a crime against the community.

"Such people may have been very well instructed. They may have been at the top of their class or won scholarships to a secondary school and even a university, but however well they were instructed, they were badly educated, because they never learned that service comes before self. That must be the slogan of a good healthy community. This youth centre is to be the basis of a community. You who use it are in yourselves a community, and the real value of it is to prepare you for the life that lies before you and that larger community of the great world."

Lonely Young People.

The Mayor, Alderman G. P. Hoare, who presided, said those who organised the club were concerned with companionship among young people who must feel the spirit of loneliness which existed in the town at present. They must, at times, feel like fish out of water, lacking amenities which were so necessary, not to keep them out of mischief, but for a real appreciation and enjoyment of life. It was felt that boys and girls would be much happier if they had a club where they could meet their old school friends and indulge in the amenities which a club offered.

"With every facility placed at their disposal for improving their minds and bodies," said the Mayor, "the members of the club will reap the benefit of companionship which is absolutely essential to-day."

Proposing a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Dover, Alderman W. C. Redman, who was largely responsible for the organisation of the club, said young people would have to take their place in public life much earlier in life after the war. The boys and girls of to-day would have to take a larger share in running the world and accept bigger responsibilities than they had done before.

The Strain of Leisure.

"In years to come," he said, "people will drop out of doing active things at an earlier age than to-day. Life will be more strenuous and a little more difficult because there will be more leisure. Working hours will not be so long and the question will be how to spend that leisure time profitably. That is one of the objects of this club—to teach young people how to get the best out of life."

Alderman Redman explained that following requests, classes were being set up for wood-working as a hobby; the girls had asked for keep-fit classes, and both boys and girls wanted dramatics. There would be other classes for running the home, instruction in gymnastics and, on Saturday evenings, in ballroom dancing. The Kent Education Committee were prepared to arrange classes in any other subjects the members wanted.

The vote of thanks was seconded by the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, and the Mayor was thanked by the Rev. F. A. Waterhouse, O.S.B., seconded by Jack Pilcher, a member of the club.

The opening ceremony was followed by a billiard match between the Mayor and the Bishop, and the Margate A.T.C. band provided the music for a dance.

The club subscription is 1½d. a week for boys and girls under 16 and 3d. for those over 16.

SAVED FROM H.M.S. CORNWALL

The Admiralty have informed Mrs. Poole, of 11 Birds-avenue, Garlinge, that her husband, C/P/O Edward George Poole, was saved from H.M.S. Cornwall, which was sunk by Japanese planes in the Indian Ocean.

C/P/O Poole joined the Royal Navy 23 years ago and had been on H.M.S. Cornwall for nearly two years.

C/P/O Poole is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Poole, of Clifton-road, Margate.

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Resist the temptation to overload. Overloading is exceedingly harmful not only to the tyres but to the vehicle.

Don't crush your tyres against kerbs, or bounce over pot holes and hump back bridges.

Be careful not to run on a punctured tyre.

Keep your tyres from oil and grease.

See that your wheels are correctly aligned.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

FIREMEN AND WAR WORK

SCHEMES TO HELP NATIONAL EFFORT

Firemen from all parts of Thanet have expressed a desire to do some work of national importance to help forward the war effort during the long hours in which they have to stand by.

In one industrial area this scheme is being tried out and it is hoped, if the experiment proves successful, that it will be extended to all parts of the country.

With a view to finding a scheme or schemes for Thanet, should permission be given, a meeting was held at the Eagle Clubroom, High-street, Ramsgate, on Thursday, to which were invited representatives of employers of labour in the district and members of the N.F.S. from Ramsgate, Broadstairs and Margate. Unfortunately the response from employers was not as enthusiastic as had been hoped.

Fireman C. Miller, chairman of D Divisional Committee of 30 Area of the Fire Brigade Union, presided, and all those present were enthusiastic about the scheme.

Mr. Miller pointed out that in the fire service were many skilled and semi-skilled men. Some of them could be employed in various jobs and still be available for their duties with the N.F.S. There was a lull at the present time but no one could tell when the Civil Defence Services would be called into action again, and perhaps on an even greater scale than previously.

It was felt, however, that men in the N.F.S. could be better employed in the waiting period.

No Undercutting.

Mr. D. M. Hughes, secretary of the Isle of Thanet Trades Council, said he thought the gesture of the firemen in asking to be allowed to do additional work was a very fine one. He was instructed to ask, however, that there should be no undercutting of trade union rates.

After Mr. Miller had stated that this had been carefully watched, Mr. Hughes suggested that a number of men serving in the N.F.S. could undertake co-operative farming and pig and poultry breeding, which could be carried out near their stations. They would then be immediately on call. He thought the Government would encourage this type of vital work.

The representative of one firm suggested that as Thanet was an agricultural and not an industrial district members of the N.F.S. should be loaned to farmers for certain periods.

A representative of an engineering firm in the district said that providing suitable men were available three or four could be taken on in his business, either on a full or part-time basis. He suggested that the men should bring their fire pump with them so that they would be immediately available for duty should the occasion arise.

A further suggestion was made that a garage in the district should be opened for industrial work providing that an agreement could be reached about rates.

A member of the building trade said he knew that in the fire service in the district there were many skilled tradesmen, whose services could be made available.

Another suggestion was that camouflage netting could be made at the N.F.S. stations.

It was decided that the schemes outlined should be forwarded to the Executive of the Fire Brigade Union and that employers should be kept informed of developments.

BROADSTAIRS

Savings.—National savings at Broadstairs during the week ended 4th April amounted to £1,135.

In India.—Councillor and Mrs. B. J. Pearson, of Broadstairs, have heard from their elder son, Sqn. Ldr. Donald Pearson, R.A.F., who had been stationed in Singapore for three years, that he has arrived in India.

Pennies Mount Up.—The sum of £42 0s. 9d. was raised by the penny-a-week house-to-house collection at Broadstairs and St. Peter's during March for the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation. Other amounts received brought the month's total to £63 1s. The boxes will next be opened at Lloyds Bank at 3 p.m. on Monday, 4th May.

The Bowling Season.—Broadstairs bowling green is to be opened for play for the 1942 season on Saturday, 2nd May. The terms and conditions will be the same as last year and Mr. F. J. Morgan has been thanked by the Urban District Council for his services in connection with the collection of the fees at the green last year.

MARGATE

Postal Appointment.—Mr. W. E. Syrett, former Margate postal official, has recently been appointed Head Postmaster at Folkestone. A native of Dover, Mr. Syrett came to Margate as a clerk in 1915. He was later promoted overseer and in 1936 was transferred to Worthing as Deputy Head Postmaster.

Unlighted Cycles.—At Margate police court on Wednesday Jack Pocock, described as a fisherman, of The Ridgeway, Margate, was fined 10s. for riding a cycle without lights on the night of 3rd April. The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said defendant, who did not appear, was inclined to be a little truculent when stopped and showed a certain amount of contempt. But for that attitude he might only have been cautioned. For a similar offence Rex William Thompson, of Brooke-avenue, Garlinge, was fined 5s.

MANSTON

Miss Brice Retires.—Headmistress of Manston infants' school since 1919, Miss Annie Brice has retired after nearly 40 years service in the teaching profession. Before leaving Hales, Staffs, to which school she had been evacuated with the children, Miss Brice, who has now returned to Manston, was presented with a watch. The presentation was made by Mr. F. Welch, headmaster, who paid tribute to Miss Brice's conscientious work as a teacher. Transplanted at a moment's notice to Staffordshire, her sterling qualities had there endeared her to children, parents and teachers alike. Mr. J. Williamson, of Manston school, also spoke warmly of Miss Brice's qualities as a teacher and her sympathetic friendliness to children. Miss Brice, acknowledging the gift, thanked the people of Hales for her pleasant reception in the village and hoped they would one day be able to visit Thanet, where they would be sure of a great welcome.

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By SIR MAX PEMBERTON

Odd things happen in this war. It is inevitable that they should. We should be less than human if we carried no burdens of care at such a time. That we carry them so bravely is a tribute to the spirit of our race. We persist in discussing the light in our heavens.

Unfortunately, there are many among us who remain blind. They are the disciples of gloom. They never say "This is the day of the Lord, let us rejoice and be glad in it." Their passionate longing is for various kinds of sorrow. Their banners are inscribed with the glorious slogan "Stop it." It doesn't very much matter to them what they stop. I heard some of them coming out from a magistrates' meeting the other day and they were noisy old women cackling as though they had just laid eggs. That useful occupation, however, was not in their line. What they had done was to cut off an hour from the extension the police had approved for a local dance. They were horrified to hear that alcohol was to be served to tired soldiers upon such an occasion. "Let the men drink lemonade," one of them was heard to say. As the town in question had no lemonade, the advice seemed gratuitous.

Those who have read the "Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World" know well that the Duchess of Richmond gave a ball in Brussels on the eve of the battle of Quatre Bras, two days before the greater affair at Waterloo. Wellington came in late, having spent the afternoon in a pleasant flirtation with Lady Francis Webster, the same having carried on in the public park, regardless we may suppose of the regulations. The ball seems to have been one of the liveliest, despite the fact that many of those officers must have known that it was the last time they would dance in this world. Wellington himself was amongst the gayest. When at last the ball broke up, on hearing that Napoleon had crossed the river, the flight to arms was instantaneous. Many of the youngest officers went off just as they were. They still wore their dancing pumps and fought in them next day at Quatre Bras. We may be quite sure that they had a stirrup cup before they went.

The Voice of Mrs. Grundy.

Here to-day in England (also in Scotland and Ireland) we see many men on the march and we rejoice in the fact that they sing as they go. Perhaps they remember that we won the last war singing. "Tipperary" did almost as much for us as the high explosives. It drowned the voice of Mrs. Grundy and left Stiggins groaning. That oily impostor was much given to groans, I remember. He sighed only after he had delivered a harangue against strong liquor and had swallowed a pint of highly spiced and well warmed wine to wash it down. He was a Prince among "stoppers," and he had many imitators in the years 1914-18.

Do you remember the "No Treating" absurdity; the frequent and bitter attacks upon the public-houses; the closing of music halls because it was feared that soldiers were too gay therein; the outburst of ghost hunting; the "angels" who never were at Mons. All this came within the view of the "stoppers." Looking upon it, we may wonder what miracle it was which enabled us to win the war despite those miserable fanatics. I remember at that time being asked to go on a night patrol with the Provost Marshal. We set out in the West End of London about an hour after the "pubs" were closed. Our discoveries were shocking. We went into houses reeking of vice; into night clubs where soldiers were robbed audaciously. In one cellar near St. Giles Church we were met by four lusty coloured bullies. They stood in a dark passage while behind them we could discover the trembling figures of three or four very young English girls, who evidently feared we should carry them off to prison. The bullies themselves threatened us, definitely one of them having a great crowbar in his hand. My friend, however, was not unprepared. He blew a whistle, and instantly, as from shadow land, four immense sergeants of the guard appeared. The effect on the bullies was remarkable. From threats they fell to abject cringing. The girls dashed away in the darkness.

During the course of this round, I asked more than one young soldier why he came to such places. His answer was what I expected. He went to these dens because there was nowhere else to go. Virtue had clamped the padlocks of the law upon all decent entertainment after 11 o'clock or so. Proud ladies giving elegant dances in Park-lane decided that the soldier or sailor who danced at two minutes before 11 o'clock p.m. was a credit to his country while he who danced at two minutes past 11 o'clock p.m. was a miserable sinner whose proper place was in the dock. Such a doctrine, authority hastened to endorse. Public-houses, dancing halls alike suffered the ban. The result was obvious. Young men fled from the cold and darkness of the streets to any refuge that would give them light and entertainment. The richer among them took to "cheery" parties given by rogues in hired flats; the poorer went to the cellars of vice.

To-day the story is the same. There is one old rascal now in London, making a thousand pounds a week by running "cheery" parties in flats that he hires for "one night" only. He was doing the same in the last war. Police do not seem able to touch him, so swift are his movements. He keeps a tame money-lender on the premises who offers to "lend" money to any young soldier or sailor who has lost more than he can pay. His agents, pretty young women, work in the night clubs and the music halls: even in the better restaurants. And if you ask his clients why they went to his house, they will answer "because there was nowhere else to go."

The great Dr. Magee, the Bishop of Peterborough, said, as we all remember, that he would sooner see England free than sober. Patient work and sound teaching as to what is "true temperance" have made this country sober, but they have not made it free. In peace-time, we often remain unconscious of this fact, but war brings us instantly to its realisation. Let the trumpets sound and out troop the fanatics. What glorious days of "stopping" they anticipate. They would close the public-houses altogether if they could. Every dance hall earns their frowns and pious mouthings. Like a certain monarch who wished that his millions of people had but one head that he might finish them at a blow, the "stoppers" would welcome one great law which stopped everything and so brought universal darkness on our land. To the final outcome of this dreadful war they appear indifferent. A cynic might even imagine that they would welcome the Hun in Regent-street if the dance halls and the pubs were but closed. A craving for Light is to them incomprehensible. They are all for the darkness; they glory in it.

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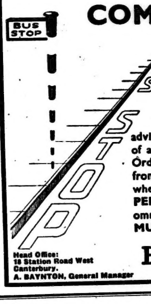

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Coroner's Estate.—For many years Ramsgate borough coroner, Dr. F. W. Hardman, of Walmer, left estate valued at £25,919, with net personalty £22,405.

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Methodists' Loss.—The Methodist community in Ramsgate are mourning the loss of Mr. Albert A. Latter, for many years a circuit steward, who passed away at the home of his daughter in Maidstone, aged 67 years. For about 35 years Mr. Latter was in business as a draper and milliner in Grange-road, retiring in January, 1939. The Rev. P. J. Grubb, a former circuit minister, and Messrs. W. and D. W. Drake represented the Ramsgate Methodist Church at the funeral.

Buttercup Day.—The Mayoress of Ramsgate, Mrs. A. B. C. Kempe, who is organising Buttercup Day in aid of the Royal Orthopædic Hospital on Saturday, appeals urgently for collectors. The boxes and flags will be distributed at the Municipal Offices, Clarendon House, on Friday. In commending the appeal to the public the Mayoress writes "The hospital is carrying on its normal work in spite of the war and in addition the treatment is available for civilian and service casualties."

Adjourned.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday again adjourned for three weeks the case in which Mrs. Violet Norah Standen, of Prestedge-avenue, Ramsgate, applied for a maintenance order against her husband on the grounds that he had failed to provide her with reasonable maintenance. The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) said he understood that defendant, who left his work in the Midlands when proceedings were instituted, had now obtained work closer to home.

Ex-Postman's Golden Wedding.—Married at Charing in 1892, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bing, of 9 Ayton-road, Ramsgate, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday. For 13 years head postman at Ramsgate, Mr. Frederick Harry Bing retired after 45 years' service with the G.P.O. but his two sons are carrying on the family tradition, Mr. Henry Thomas Bing at Guildford P.O. and Mr. Albert James Bing at Ramsgate. Mr. and Mrs. Bing also have two daughters, Mrs. E. M. Allen, of Church-avenue, Ramsgate, and Mrs. A. A. Arnold, of Herbert-road, Ramsgate.

Collided with Cyclist.—At Stafford police court last week Valerie Jeanette de Rome, of Ramsgate, was fined £2 with 5s. costs and her license was endorsed for driving a car without due care and attention. The case was the sequel to a collision with a cyclist when defendant was turning from Stone-road into Alliance-street. On behalf of Mrs. de Rome it was explained that this was the first time during her 12 years driving experience that she had been involved in a mishap and that the cyclist was not injured but was able to ride his machine away, the collision having occurred when she was driving quite slowly.

Sailor's Bride.—At Little Waltham parish church, Chelmsford, on 11th April, the wedding took place of Ldg. Smn. Edward Herbert Chandler, R.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, of 106 Hereson-road, Ramsgate, to Miss Jean Bessie Carlick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlick, of Little Waltham. The bride, who was dressed in white satin with veil and ornament of orange blossom, carried a bouquet of pink carnations, with white heather and fern. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Eileen Serven, who wore a dress of gold with headdress and shoes to match, and Miss Amy Simpson, who was dressed in blue lace net with headdress and shoes of silver. They carried bouquets of daffodils. Mr. E. Everard acted as best man. The Rev. S. G. Gayford conducted the service, which was choral. For the honeymoon at Bromley the bride travelled in a red and black two-piece, with red coat, black suede shoes, and handbag and gloves to match.

THANET TRADES COUNCIL

At the monthly meeting of the Isle of Thanet Trades Council, held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Margate, last week, the chairman, Bro. T. W. Eden, welcomed back the hon. treasurer, Bro. H. A. Watson, who had been absent for several months following an accident.

The hon. secretary, Bro. D. M. Hughes, reported on the number of places granted to the Trades Council at the T.U.C. Day School to be held next month, and Bro. Miller, N.F.S., gave an account of the activities of the Fire Brigade Union.

It was decided that the chairman and secretary should attend the All Kent Federation of Trades Councils quarterly meeting to be held at Ashford on Sunday.

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THANET OUT EAST

An airgraph letter from Capt. M. C. C. Daniel, R.A.S.C., of Ramsgate, gives the names of a whole string of Thanet friends he has recently met on service with the Middle East Forces. A few weeks ago he had a pleasant luncheon appointment with Bgdr. J. Morley Stebbings, of Ramsgate, and Maj. G. D. Boyd, of Margate, whose crowd have been making a name for themselves out East. Among his colleagues of Broadstairs Cricket Club whom Capt. Daniel has run into recently are Capt. A. W. Dallimore and Capt. A. A. H. Hopkinson, and he has also met Flt. Lt. R. P. Crawshaw, formerly of Selwyn House, Broadstairs, Lt. J. S. M. Sceales, of Cliffs End, and 2nd Lt. N. L. H. Taylor, of St. Peter's.

BROADSTAIRS MAN ON THE AIR

As first reported in the Advertiser & Echo, Sgt.-Maj. E. J. Hillman, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hillman, of Stoneleigh, Granville-road, Broadstairs, was among the British prisoners of war who are being repatriated from Italy and have safely reached Egypt.

On Tuesday, calling "Broadstairs, Kent," Sgt.-Maj. Hillman broadcast a message from Cairo to his parents in the one o'clock news bulletin.

"Hullo, Mum and Dad and all at home," his voice came over with perfect clarity as he expressed his happy surprise at being able to speak to his family again. Describing himself as one of the lucky ones, Sgt.-Maj. Hillman said he had had a very good trip, everyone had been very kind, and he found it hard at times to "believe it was all true."

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

Marsh.—11th April, at Tunbridge Wells, to the wife of Ldg. Acm. Norman Marsh, of a son.

Tauber.—12th April, at Rush's Restaurant, Birchington, the wife of Cpl. Otakar Tauber, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Chandler—Carlick.—11th April, at the Parish Church of Little Waltham, Chelmsford, Essex, by the Rev. S. G. Gayford, Ldg. Smn. Edward Herbert Chandler, of Ramsgate, to Jean Bessie Carlick, of Little Waltham, Chelmsford.

Doyle—Houghton.—10th April, at St. George's Church, Coventry, Leslie Doyle to Joyce Evelyn Houghton, both of Ramsgate.

Green—Cargin.—11th April, at Kempston Parish Church, Bedford, Lt. W. H. F. Green, R.N.V.R., of St. Helens, Lancs., to Betty A. Cargin, W.R.N.S., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Cargin, of Ramsgate.

Judd—Pullman.—14th April, at St. Lawrence Methodist Church, by the Rev. F. J. Bomford, Leslie William Judd, Hampshire Regiment, of Cowes, Isle of Wight, to Muriel Ruth Pritchard Pullman, only child of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Pullman, of Ramsgate.

Lawford—Claxton.—11th April, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, Harold Preston Lawford, R.N.V.R., of Earlsfield, to Winifred May Claxton, of Ramsgate.

Noble—Turner.—11th April, at Hawley-square Methodist Church, Margate, by the Rev. W. T. Sharpley, Paymaster Lt. Alan Noble, R.N.V.R., of Kingsgate, to Lily Turner of Barrow-in-Furness.

DEATHS

Ekins.—16th April, at Wymondley Hall, near Hitchin, Emily Jane, late of 32 Grove-road, Ramsgate, in her 89th year.

Enderby.—13th April, at 98 Canbury-avenue, Kingston-on-Thames, William Edward Enderby, aged 72 years.

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